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SUBJ: PRAVDA ON IDEOLOGY AND INTERNATIONALISM

1. SUMMARY: PRAVDA THEORETICAL ARTICLE DECEMBER 21 REHEARSES ARGUMENTS FOR UNITY OF WORLD SOCIALIST RANKS AND LAUNCHES PRETENTIOUS DISCUSSION OF "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" IN CURRENT ERA OF DETENTE. ITS PURPOSE MAY BE TO JUSTIFY NEED FOR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE ALONG THE LINES OF THE 1969 CONCLAVE (WHICH IT MENTIONS). IT PULLS NO PUNCHES IN CRITICIZING CHINESE, BUT DOES NOT SAY WHAT IS TO BE DONE

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ABOUT THEM. RED STAR AND TRUD ALSO OFFER IDEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS OF CPSU FOREIGN POLICY AND CHINESE INTERNA-

TIONAL COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY

2. LENGTHY PRAVDA ARTICLE BY V. PETROV ALLUDES TO UNPUBLISHED BREZHNEV SPEECH AT LAST WEEK'S PLENUM AND SETS OUT A RATIONALE FOR INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS AND SOCIALIST UNITY WHICH IS BOTH BREZHNEVIAN AND CLASSICALLY MARXIST-LENINIST. REMINDING THE PARTY FAITHFUL THAT MARXISM-LENINISM HAS NEVER APPROACHED INTERNATIONALISM "IN AN ABSTRACT WAY," PETROV QUOTES UNITY SLOGAN FROM THE 1969 MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. HE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT CLASS STRUGGLE WILL PERSIST IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA, BUT CITES BREZHNEV LANGUAGE (UNATTRIBUTED) URGING THAT IT BE CHANNELLED INTO FORMS WHICH DO NOT THREATEN WAR OR ARMS RACE.

3. PETROV SEES TWO MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL FOES: ONE IS BOURGEOIS NATIONALISM AND ITS MORE "COSMOPOLITAN" FORMS SUCH AS ATLANTICIST AND EUROPEAN CONCEPTS; THE OTHER IS GREAT-POWER CHAUVINISM OF THE MAOIST RENEGADES. MAOISTS ARE ACCUSED OF COMBINING WITH THE MOST REACTIONARY FORCES, RANGING FROM "HAWKS OF THE SEN. JACKSON TYPE" TO GERMAN REVANCHISTS SUCH AS STRAUSS, THE CRIMINAL CHILEAN JUNTA AND THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. WHILE PETROV REITERATES NEED FOR EMPHASIZING THOSE THINGS WHICH UNITE WORKING PEOPLE OF VARIOUS NATIONS, RATHER THAN THOSE WHICH DIVIDE, HE GOES ON TO ARGUE FOR UNYIELDING STRUGGLE AGAINST MAOISTS AND OTHER "SPLITTERS."

4. PARALLEL EFFORTS TO PLACE CURRENT CPSU FOREIGN POLICY IN IDEOLOGICALLY ACCEPTABLE FRAMEWORK IS SEEN IN ARTICLE BY MAJOR GENERAL SULIMOV IN DECEMBER 20 RED STAR. LIKE THE PRAVDA ARTICLE, SULIMOV REFERS TO BREZHNEV PLENUM SPEECH AND STRESSES THE NECESSITY OF PROPAGATING THE FAITH BEYOND ONE'S OWN BORDERS. HE REJECTS CHINESE CHARGES OF SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM AND ASSERTS THAT MAOISTS ARE ACTING AGAINST INTERESTS OF CHINESE PEOPLE, IN CONTRADICTION TO THEIR (SOCIALIST) ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

5. ANOTHER RECENT ARTICLE WITH HEAVILY IDEOLOGICAL FLAVOR
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IS PIECE BY NOTED CHINA COMMENTATOR G. APALIN IN DECEMBER 20 TRUD. WHILE THIS ARTICLE IS NOT PEGGED TO RECENT PLENUM, IT THOROUGHLY RAKES THE MAOISTS OVER THE COALS FOR BETRAYING INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT, BOTH IN CHINA AND ABROAD. ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES IT CITES IS PEKING'S LACK OF INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF LEFT COALITION IN FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. APALIN FORESEES MAOISTS' DOWNFALL IN THE "GROWING TENDENCY" TOWARD UNITY IN RANKS OF WORKERS MOVEMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTIES.
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